



## Nature's Symphony



In this day and age, we are seemingly in tune with society more than ever. Our digital gadgets, such as computers, smartphones, and tablets make way to the cacophony of constantly streaming news, media, and music that produces massive stimulation, keeping our eyes constantly glued to their screens. I admit that time seems to accelerate when checking out the latest stories, YouTube videos, and Facebook updates. An hour or two passes by without my knowledge. But sometimes you need to turn off that screen, put those gadgets aside, place the world on hold, and step outside to listen to nature's music.

Music is an art form that takes on many interpretations and incites various emotional responses. Sometimes music makes us feel happy and upbeat while at other times we feel quiet and somber. In general, music is defined as organized sound, which we've devised from the teachings of Johann Sebastian Bach, instrument composition, and the evolution of musical trends.

Interestingly, when we listen to sounds in nature, most people consider them "musical," but not quite deemed as "music." True, nature sounds occur randomly and in a sense, can be chaotic (nature does not perform on cue after all), but within those sounds lies an underlying harmony that is not always understood consciously, but just seems to click, making that

connection between you and nature that much clearer and sweeter.

Composers have used nature for compositional inspiration for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years. Think of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, inspired by a stream meandering through a meadow, or Copland's Appalachian Spring. In the last century, composers have challenged and expanded our interpretations of what we consider "music" in an explosion of musical genres. I'm asking you to make that step and turn on your musical ears when you step outside.

Nature makes its own compositions and has its own instrument representations. The rhythm section consists of the pitter-patter of rain drops, the gentle flow of water through a creek, or the whispering of leaves through the wind. Deep-throated calls of bullfrogs serve as the trombone section, warm and enriching. The hum of insects are the stringed instruments with their light, but continuously animated sounds. Songbirds, as their name implies, are the woodwind highlights with their various twinkling melodies, some in a call-and-response pattern with several thematic variations. Do you hear the feathery flute or the warm sound of a clarinet? The high pitch trill of an American goldfinch could be the piccolo's cue.

Take this chance to explore these new sounds in our upcoming programs this spring season. Birding walks

allow you to discover the source of bird calls in the trees. Experience a full chorus of frogs during Froggy Friday Night. Come to the WildHeart concert where renowned performers fill the air with music and share their own ties to nature for your listening enjoyment.

Explore the world of music through the symphonic sounds of nature!

*-Jennifer Behnken,  
Nature Center volunteer*

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Center.**



# Volunteer Corner

## Extending More Opportunities

Nature center programs and opportunities are as diverse as the volunteers and staff who create them. Many who volunteer here provide programs and meet the nature center's goals in unique ways. Carolyn Huter, Jen Behnken and Jamie Koehler enjoy sharing their naturescaping passion with others and provide a different "Garden Tour" each month. Several gifted in arts and crafts lead monthly hands-on "Nature Art" programs. Michael Fiehler, Byron Foust and Phil Dodson help people discover nature through "Conservation Destinations" and "Wednesday Wildflower Walks." Bev Schiwitz, who has worked among the nature art volunteers, had a vision for creating a time and place for artists to gather. "Second Saturday Art" debuts in April. By sharing their knowledge, Fred Bollinger will let visitors explore different primitive skills in March and Michael Fiehler will provide a flyfishing workshop in April. Others add a creative flair to the facility. Donna Magwitz seasonally decorates the Nature Shop and front desk area, Joan Anderson creates a new thematic display in the exhibit lab window, and Ome Hayward displays selections from the many nature journal entries that are submitted.

These are only some of the many people who share their passion, skills and knowledge allowing the nature center to extend more opportunities to you.

-Steven Juhlin



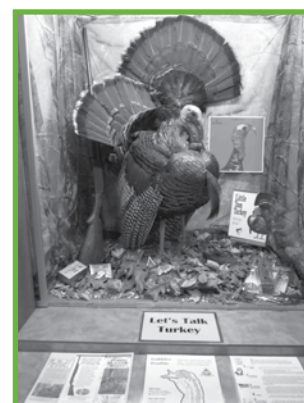
Jamie leads a Garden Tour



Sue and Bev lead a Nature Art workshop



Ome puts up children's artwork



Joan's window display

## Volunteer Milestones

**100 Hours**  
**Susan Reinagel**  
**1000 Hours**  
**Michael Fiehler**  
**1500 Hours**  
**Judy Burford**

# Tadpoles

(Shared nature experiences for 0-2 year olds and an attending adult.)



## March

**Saturday, March 29-9 AM or 10 AM**

### What's Underground?

Do you know what lives underground? Are they cute and fuzzy or creepy crawly? Discover with your little one what they could be through a puppet show and activities. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins March 1.**

## April

**Saturday, April 26-9 AM or 10 AM**

### Need a Nest?

Hey birds, it's time to get building! But why do birds need a nest? We'll answer that question through activities and explore outside to find some nests. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins April 1.**

## May

**Saturday, May 31-9 AM or 10 AM**

### Who's New in the Neighborhood?

Lots of new baby animals are being born right now. Discover with your little "animal" just who is new in the neighborhood. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins May 1.**

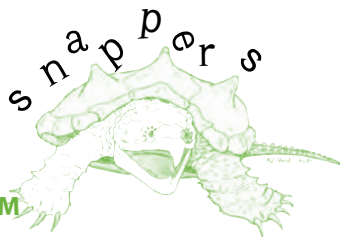
## Kids' Club Program Information

## March

**Saturday, March 22, 10-11:30 AM**

### Spring Birds

What better time of the year to learn about our feathered friends than spring? We'll find out what keeps them so busy this time of year and see what it takes for them to live in different habitats. Be prepared to hit the trail for a birding adventure! **Ages 7-11. Registration begins March 1.**



## April

**Friday, April 4, 5-9 PM**

### Froggy Friday

*Snappers will not be meeting this month, so please attend our special Froggy Friday event instead!*

## May

**Saturday, May 24, 10-11:30 AM**

### Archery

Skill with a bow and arrow is not only useful for hunting, but a fun and engaging activity any time of the year! Learn & practice some basic archery skills. **Ages 7-11. Registration begins May 1.**

# Mudpuppies

(45-minute indoor/outdoor programs for 3-6 year olds and an attending adult.)



## March

**Saturday, March 1-10 AM or 11:30 AM**

**Tuesday, March 4-9 AM or 10:30 AM**

### It's a Jet, It's a Plane, No - It's a Raptor!

Look out below! Raptors are great at diving from the sky and grasping their prey. How do they do that? We'll explore the ways raptors are fast and fantastic hunters and try some "raptor flying" of our own outside! **Ages 3-6. Early registration begins February 15.**

## April

**Saturday, April 12-10 AM or 11:30 AM**

**Tuesday, April 15-9 AM or 10:30 AM**

### Wild about Wildflowers

Spring has sprung and so have the wildflowers! We like to see them, but there's something else that likes them even more! We'll find out just what makes wildflowers so special and look for some on the trail. **Ages 3-6. Registration begins April 1.**

## May

**Saturday, May 10-10 AM or 11:30 AM**

**Tuesday, May 13-9 AM or 10:30 AM**

### Sneaky Salamanders

Secretly sneaking along the forest floor, salamanders quietly come out to hunt. Why do we never see them? Discover the answer to that question and meet a salamander, too! **Ages 3-6. Registration begins April 15.**



## March

**Saturday, March 22-1-3 PM**

### Surviving in the Wild

Could you survive in the wild? Here's your chance to try out some skills that will help if you ever get stranded or lost. Gain confidence and knowledge that will assist you during your next outdoor excursion. **Ages 12-15. Registration begins March 1.**

## April

**Saturday, April 12-1-4:30 PM**

### Salamander Sleuths

Get ready to find slippery, slimy salamanders! Salamanders are awesome amphibians that are out and about in the early spring. Grab your boots for an outing to some local wetlands where we'll search for these fascinating animals. **Ages 12-15. Registration begins April 1.**

## May

**Saturday, May 24-10 AM-3 PM**

### Swamp Paddling

What could be more fun than a canoe trip through the swamp? Discover what southeast Missouri would have looked like to the early settlers as we paddle the murky waters of Allred Lake. **Ages 12-15. Registration begins May 1.**



# Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center

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## MARCH

### TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM:

Programs are free. Call 573-290-5218 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is located in North Cape Girardeau County Park off Kingshighway just east of Interstate 55 at exit 99.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is operated through hunting and fishing license revenues and through the 1/8% "Design for Conservation" sales tax. There is no admission charge.

### BUILDING HOURS

Tuesday–Saturday: 8 AM–5 PM  
Closed Sundays, Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas

### AREA HOURS

Daily: Sunrise–10 PM in accordance with the Cape Girardeau County Park

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Nature center grounds and trails are closed to pets, horses, hunting, collecting, littering, fires, and alcoholic beverages. The trails are also closed to bicycles, jogging, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, and motorized vehicles.

Phone: 573/290-5218

Fax: 573/290-5566

*Missourians care about conserving forests,  
fish and wildlife.*

### Garden Tour: Proper Pruning

March 1 • Saturday • 1-2:30 PM

*No registration required (ages 8+)*

Proper pruning encourages abundant flowers, fruits, and nuts and also helps reduce infestation and disease. Discover tips and techniques during this hands-on pruning walk through the landscaped beds.

### Art Gallery-March

Visit the nature center art gallery to view "Show Me Shots: Conservation Destinations." This unique exhibit is a collection of photography entries from the Show Me Shots photography contest.

### Native Plant Seminar

March 8 • Saturday • 8 AM-3 PM

*Early registration begins February 1 (ages 16+)*

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Cape Girardeau County Master Gardeners host the ninth annual native plant seminar. Learn how to "Create a Multi-Tasking Native Landscape" with keynote speaker and horticulturist Cindy Gilberg. Call the nature center about session times and other guest speakers. Register early as seating is limited for each session. Registration ends February 28.

### Nature Center at Night: Busy Bees

March 13 • Thursday • 5-8 PM

*No registration required (all ages)*

Did you know that bees have to travel to two million flowers to make just one pound of honey? Or that a queen bee can lay up to 2,000 eggs in just one day? If you think these facts are amazing, buzz by the nature center to learn more about nature's pollinators. Youth and adult groups welcome.

### Nature Art: Felt Leaves

March 13 • Thursday • 6:30-8 PM

*Registration begins March 1 (ages 16+)*

Make decorative felt leaves embellished with beads and embroidery. This is an art you will treasure for years to come. It's fun, and they make great gifts.

### Primitive Skills

March 15 • Saturday • 1-4 PM

*No registration required (ages 8+)*

Did you know cordless drills existed thousands of years ago? Drop by to try your hand at historic pump drills, working cordage, making tools from cane, and more of these primitive yet ingenious skills.

### Feeding Frenzy

March 20 • Thursday • 1-3 PM

*No registration required (all ages)*

Ever wonder what it takes to keep all of the nature center reptiles, amphibians, and fish happy? Thanks to some amazing animal care volunteers, they are fed a delicious smorgasbord of crickets, worms, minnows, and more! Drop by to visit with the volunteers and staff as they feed the hungry critters. Youth and adult groups welcome.

## Thank You

*for donations of Time, Material,  
and Service*

*Program supplies: Linda Summers,  
Vickie Raines, and Glenda Quinn*

*Monetary: Ernie Wallace*

*Mounts: Keith Richard*

*for purchase of paving stones*

*Nature Center Staff and Volunteers*

*in memory of Carolyn Sarff*

### Homeschool Special: Nature Journals

March 27 • Thursday •

9:30–11 AM or 1–2:30 PM

*Registration begins March 1 (Ages 6+)*

Nature is full of beauty and surprises. Sometimes it is easy to forget how much we can learn from nature.

We will celebrate nature's wonders by making our own nature journals and head outside to fill them with natural treasures. Dress for the weather.

### Pond Workshop

March 27 • Thursday • 6-9 PM

*Registration begins February 15 (ages 16+)*

Attention pond owners! Have you ever wanted to know how to improve your pond fishery? How to deal with nuisance aquatic plants? What fish to harvest and what fish to stock? Fisheries Management Biologists will cover pond construction, watershed management, fish stocking and management, as well as aquatic vegetation establishment and control.

### Garden Tour: Spring Tonics

March 29 • Saturday • 9:30-11 AM

*No registration required (ages 8+)*

Spring is an amazing time of growth and renewal.

Longer days and warmer weather means the appearance of the first green signs of a new year. For many pioneers, this was the time to gather roots and herbs to cook their special spring tonic. Join us as we learn the history of this spring ritual and the plants and wild edibles used to create them.

### Art Gallery-March

Drop by the nature center's gallery during March to admire "Seasons," a collection of wildlife photography by Leonard Fulbright.

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## APRIL

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### Froggy Friday

April 4 • Friday • 5-9 PM

*No registration required (all ages)*

April showers not only bring spring flowers, but a melody of spring frogs as well! Join us as we celebrate all things froggy through games, activities, crafts, displays, and hourly frog call presentations & hikes. Presentations will begin at 5pm, followed by the frog call hike. The last presentation and hike will begin at 8 pm. Youth and adult groups welcome.

### Fly Fishing

April 5 • Saturday •

8:30-11 AM or 1-3:30 PM

*Early registration begins March 15 (ages 16+)*

Learn the basics of flyfishing or pick up a few new technical skills. We'll cover equipment selection and use, reading the water, matching the hatch, fly casting, fishing techniques, and essential knots. Fishing permit required. Flyfishing equipment available for loan.

### Wednesday Wildflower Walk: Juden Creek

April 9 • Wednesday • 1-4 PM

*Early registration begins March 15 (ages 16+)*

Spring is here and the wildflowers are popping out. Join Volunteer Naturalist Michael Fiehler on this week's spring wildflower walk at Juden Creek Conservation Area as you search for early bloomers.

*We help people discover nature.*

### Nature Center at Night: Woodland Wildflowers

April 10 • Thursday • 5-8 PM

*No registration required (all ages)*

With the return of spring, the woodlands come alive with a palette of color! How many wildflowers can you name? Add a touch of color to your life as you refresh your memory or learn more. Come-and-go wildflower displays. Youth and adult groups welcome.

### Nature Art: Nature Drawing 101

April 10 • Thursday • 6:30-8 PM

*Early registration begins March 15 (ages 16+)*

Are you inspired by what you see as you spend time in nature? Drawing what you see is one way to capture these memories. Can't draw, you say? Not so, we can all draw! Join us to learn a few basic skills that will enable you to easily capture these images using pencil and paper.

### Second Saturday Art

April 12 • Saturday • 9 AM-NOON

*No registration required (all ages)*

Calling all artists! Cape Girardeau has a history of celebrating local art on the first Friday of each month. The Nature Center would like to take the second Saturday to celebrate the artists who use the natural world for inspiration. Bring your supplies, whether they are pencils, paints, fiber, textiles, clay, wood, paper, or camera and a lawn chair to set up on our grounds. It's a great place to see other artists and the general public. All forms of family friendly art welcome. For questions, call the Nature Center at (573)290-5218, Tuesday through Thursday.

### Feeding Frenzy

April 17 • Thursday • 1-3 PM

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### Wednesday Wildflower Walk: Apple Creek

April 23 • Wednesday • 1-4 PM

*Registration begins April 1 (ages 16+)*

Wildflowers carpet the forest floor as trees and shrubs begin opening up once again. Join Volunteer Naturalist Michael Fiehler to walk a few short trails in search of wildflowers at Apple Creek Conservation Area.

### Art Gallery-April

Enjoy a photographic journey exploring natural history treasures off the beaten path with Lance Merry. Within the "Hidden Treasures of Our Natural Community" gallery exhibit, one can dive underwater to witness fish interactions rarely seen, wade through bogs to see the best of our orchid fauna, and muddy their boots to discover the complicated lives of salamanders.

### WildHeart in Concert

April 25 • Friday • 7-8 PM

*No registration required (all ages)*

Do you "dig" nature? Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a musical journey digging into the deep roots that nature has to offer you with the original music and groovy actions of WildHeart. Take a peek at their mini backyard zoo, too! This Parent's Choice® and Emmy Award® winning family group of conservation educators and entertainers focuses on bringing the heart of the wild to the heart of the child. Held inside if there is inclement weather.

### Birding 201

April 26 • Saturday • 8:30-11:30 AM

*Registration begins April 1 (ages 8+)*

Already know your backyard birds and some of their songs? Ready to move on to some new birds? We'll go beyond the basics of birding to hone your skills and learn some tricks of the trade. After meeting briefly indoors, we'll hit the trails in search of sight and sound of some of Missouri's finest spring songsters.

### Bashin' Trash: Cape LaCroix Creek

April 26 • Saturday • 9 AM-NOON

*Early registration begins March 1 (all ages)*

The nature center is partnering with the Cape Girardeau Parks & Recreation Department to clean up Cape LaCroix Creek during their annual Park Day. Gather your friends, family, or organization to help bring the beauty back to the creek between Walden Park and Shawnee Sports Complex. We'll meet at the 4-H Shelter in Arena Park to divide and conquer. Lunch and t-shirts will be provided at Capaha Park afterwards. Youth and adult groups welcome.

### Garden Tour: Weeding

April 26 • Saturday • 9:30-11 AM

*No registration required (ages 8+)*

Who enjoys weeding? Not many, but it's something needed to keep most gardens in top shape. As we stroll through the gardens, you'll discover some simple weeding tricks and lesser-known information that can save you much trouble. Who knows, weeding may end up adding joy to your gardening!

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## Art Gallery-May

Visit the gallery this month to view "Bugs, Beasts & Beauty," a photography exhibit by Paul Hennrich.

## River Clean-Up

May 3 • Saturday • 8 AM-NOON

*Early registration begins April 1 (ages 12+)*

Roll-up your sleeves and put on your gloves to help us clean up the banks of the Mighty Mississippi River! The river is a great place to view wildlife, watch the river flow, and just hang out – especially when it's not being obscured by trash. Meet at the Red Star Access pavilion to bash trash. Participants may be transported by boat to other areas of the riverbank. Adult groups welcome.

## Nature Center at Night: Outdoor Hazards

May 8 • Thursday • 5–8 PM

*No registration required (all ages)*

May is the perfect month to start planning your summer camping trips. As you plan, don't forget about safety. It's important to be aware of outdoor hazards and learn how to cope with them when outdoors. Youth and adult groups welcome.

## Nature Art: Bird Memories

May 8 • Thursday • 6:30-8 PM

*Registration begins May 1 (ages 16+)*

Spring is a great time to view migratory songbirds in Missouri. While some stay and nest here, others are just passing through on their way to breeding grounds in the northern U.S. and Canada. Join us as we make a two page scrapbook layout to record our birding memories.

## Yellow Morel Mushroom (*Morchella esculenta*)



*There are a number of edible mushrooms like the yellow morel pictured that can be found in Missouri during spring. Missouri is also home to some poisonous mushrooms, so be certain before you*

*consume any. Mushrooms were once considered to be in the plant kingdom, but today they are in a kingdom of their own- the Fungi. Unlike plants, fungi do not have true stems, leaves or roots, and they do not contain chlorophyll, which plants need in order to live. Instead, fungi feed on living or dead plants and animals.*

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## Garden Tour: Shrub and Tree ID

May 10 • Saturday • 9:30-11 AM

*No registration required (ages 8+)*

Gardens and other "naturescaped" areas may be greatly enhanced by adding trees and shrubs. On this stroll around the nature center and a short way down the trail, we'll discuss how different species can be used as a border, a featured ornamental, or as an addition to your wooded areas.

## Wildflower Walk:

### Trail of Tears State Park

May 14 • Wednesday • 1-4 PM

*Registration begins May 1 (ages 16+)*

Many wildflowers dot the landscape throughout the river hills of Trail of Tears State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalist Michael Fiehler on a few short trails to search out, identify, and enjoy these spring bloomers.

## Basic Fishing for Families

May 17 • Saturday • 9-11 AM

*Registration begins May 1 (ages 8+)*

Families will have the opportunity to learn how to cast, tie knots, bait hooks, identify fish, and locate good fishing spots. The youth will have the opportunity to try their luck in the stocked kids' fishing pond. The program is a unique opportunity for families to learn to fish together and discover just how much fun it can be. Youth must be 15 years of age or younger to fish the pond.

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# MAY

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## Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*)

*During spring, gobblers or male turkeys will gobble, strut, and display to attract hens. The majority of courtship behavior occurs after dawn in the early morning hours. While strutting, toms will spread out their large tail fan, puff up*

*their feathers, and drag their wing tips. Hens lay 10 – 12 eggs and usually nest from late April through May. Poults hatch from the eggs after a 28 day incubation period. Young birds are able to fly within two weeks.*



## Coming in June

### Families in Nature

June 7 • Saturday • 8 AM-4 PM

*Early registration begins May 15 (all ages)*

Help us turn the tide on nature deficit disorder. Learn about this phenomenon and how it affects your family; then enjoy a sampling of outdoor activities (fishing, archery, etc.) we have planned to counteract it. Please bring a picnic lunch and plan on staying the entire day.

### Outdoor Adventure Camp

June 17-18

June 19-20

July 15-16

July 17-18

July 29-30

**8:30 AM–4:30 PM**

*Early registration begins May 15 (ages 7-11)*

Your outdoor adventure awaits! Join us to practice outdoor skills like hiking, canoeing, and fishing. We will also visit local conservation areas to discover the unique habitats of southeast Missouri. Participants are required to register for and attend both days of camp. Please provide a non-perishable lunch for both days.



## Educators' Niche

### How To Plan a Great Field Trip

On March 21-22, a teacher workshop will be held on how to make the most of your outdoor field trip. We will discuss locations, activities, back up plans, etc. This can be a great addition to any school that has received a Discover Nature Schools field trip grant. This workshop will be held at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center from 9am-5pm each day. Graduate credit is available. Please register with Bridget by March 14.



Please contact Bridget Jackson, for information about upcoming trainings and workshops, at [bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov) or call 573-290-5858 ext 4464.

### Nature Deficit Tidbit

According to the new policy statement issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), children should be limited to less than two hours of entertainment-based screen time per day, and shouldn't have TVs or Internet access in their bedrooms. Several studies have linked high media consumption with poor health and obesity in children. The guidelines also call for children under age 2 to have no screen time and that parents should watch TV with their children and monitor their media usage. The new AAP recommendations do acknowledge the benefits of education media, such as Sesame Street that teach children letters and numbers. Since many studies have shown the benefits of nature and creative time for early childhood development, perhaps instead of sitting children in front of a TV, we should engage them in outdoor activities.

*From Children and Nature Network – News Roundup, November 14, 2013*

## What's HOT in the NATURE SHOP!

March/April

\*Conservation Heritage Card discounts do not apply

### Shrubs and Woody Vines of Missouri Field Guide

Based on Don Kurz's original "Shrubs and Woody Vines of Missouri," this concise, easy-to-carry field guide will help you identify shrubs and woody vines in your yard, neighborhood or natural area.

- Range map for each species
- Full-color illustrations



**Discounted price:**  
**\$6.00 plus tax**

### Discover Missouri Natural Areas

A great book that helps nature lovers experience these special places firsthand. In this beautiful, user-friendly guide, author Mike Leahy, the Department's natural areas coordinator, provides natural history information that brings to life the outstanding geological, biological and ecological features of 50 areas.

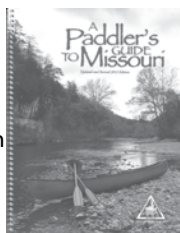


**Discounted price:**  
**\$7.20 plus tax**

May/June

### A Paddler's Guide to Missouri Updated and Revised 2013 Edition

This book is designed to make river trips more pleasant, convenient and safe for the family. Missouri has many miles of rivers and floating them is a peaceful way to enjoy the outdoors. Everything from planning your trip to the equipment you will need is in this handy guide.



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## WildHeart in Concert

April 25, 2014, 7-8 pm



## Ask the Naturalist

### What does a frog say?

Technically, frogs don't actually say "ribbit." But they do make a variety of vocalizations. Each species of frog has its own unique call. For example, a Spring peeper sounds like it's saying, "peep-er, peep-er" in a very high pitched voice. Bullfrogs, on the other hand, have a deep call that sounds kind of like a bull bellowing, "waaamp, waaamp." My favorite, the Southern leopard frog, has a call that sounds like laughing, "hahahaha hahahaha."

Although none of Missouri frogs really sound like they are saying "ribbit," they do use these calls as a way to locate each other. During the spring and summer, frogs and toads are laying eggs and must find a mate. With so many different frogs in the pond at the same time, frogs need a way to locate the right species. Each species having its own call makes this possible. The males will call and the females find them.

-Angela Pierce

More fun than a pond full of frogs!

**April 4th, 5-9pm**

- Frog call presentation and hike (5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm)
- Frog games and activities!
- Frog crafts!
- Live Missouri frog displays!
- Froggy prizes!

# froggy friday

*Saturday, April 26, 9-NOON--Cape LaCroix Creek*

*Saturday, May 3, 8-NOON--Cape Riverfront*



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